Accident of Rajdhani Express

†2539. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by a senior police officer with reference to a terrorist that the accident of the Rajdhani Express took place in the year 2002 was a result of sabotage;

(b) whether any report has been received from the State Government in this regard; and

(c) the details of the information available with Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Commission vendors in railways

2540. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) with reference to letter No. 2004/TG-III/639/2 dated 1st December, 2005 of Executive Director, T&C, Railway Board, whether it is mandatory on the part of commission vendors to opt for absorption;

(b) what retirement benefits would be given to commission vendors; and

(c) how the pending cases of transfer of vendorship of the deceased commission vendors to their sons/relations will be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) The commission vendors have been given option for getting absorbed on Railways.

(b) if the commission vendors get absorbed on Railways, after absorption, they will be entitled for the retirement benefits as are applicable to the Railway employees.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.